

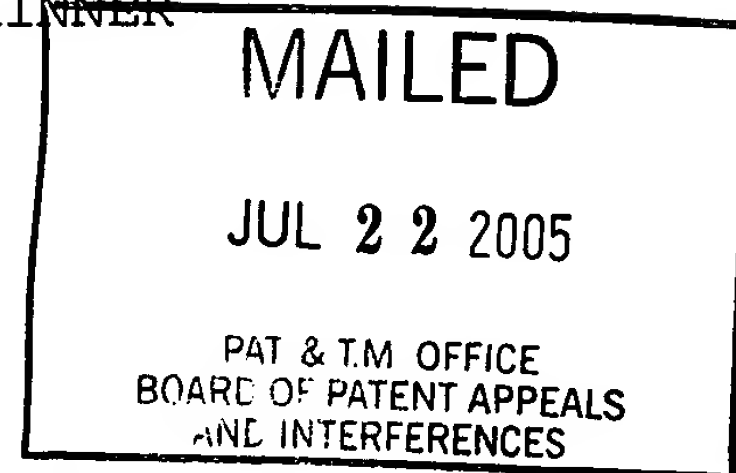
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte GREGORY S. MARCZAK and RICK A. MINNER

Application No. 09/899,591

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER



This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 17, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

On February 28, 2005, appellants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). It is not clear from the record whether the examiner considered the IDS submitted or whether the examiner notified appellants of why the submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Application No. 09/899,591

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that this application be returned to the examiner for: 1) consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 28, 2005; 2) appropriate written notification by the examiner to appellants of such consideration; and 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of this appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

By: 

Dale M. Shaw
Program and Resource Administrator
(571)272-9797

cc: Warner Norcross & Judd LLP
900 Fifth Third Center
111 Lyon Street, N.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2487

DMS/tdl